

MULTIPLE TOWN PERFIN-PRECANCELS

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In the January Bulletin, Jack Brandt asked about patterns that come from more than one town and precanceled. Few are as common as the NEMO that he cites, but it happens frequently.

Known from three towns are patterns A221.1, A271, B120, C242, C402, I5, P55.1, W72.1, W85 and, of course, W199.20. Montana brings us M12 from Butte, Dillon, Helena and Missoula. None is common.

Also from four towns is another, Western Union, W199.26, with Hoboken, Jersey City, Brooklyn and New York City.

GE's G72.1 is credited to five towns: Pittsfield, Mass., Kansas City, Mo., Schenectady, N.Y., Shelby, N.C., and Philadelphia.

Mountain States T&T comes from Denver and Trinidad, Colo., and Blackfoot, Boise, Caldwell and Idaho Falls, N.D. Only Denver is reasonably common in this group.

The king of the mountain is the Charles Williams Stores, pattern C376. This company undoubtedly processed large mailings in Brooklyn and then trucked them to local post offices for actual delivery. They got much faster service on catalogs, etc., this way. Brooklyn is available. I have six of the eight listed values. However, Montgomery, Ala., Macon, Ga., Des Moines, Ia., Bangor, Me., Indianapolis, Ind., Natchez, Miss., Salt Lake City, Utah, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Burlington, Vt., all will take some chasing. I still need three of the towns. So CW/S hit at least ten towns, all well before 1920, setting a record that still stands.